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SUBJ: SELF-CRITICISM BY PARTY UNIT IN FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT LC ORGANIZATION IN DEFENSE SECRETARIAT HELD MEETING DEC. 5. KEYNOTE SPEECH GIVEN BY THAT PARTY UNIT'S SECRETARY, LT. COL. GEN. VELJKO MILADINOVIC, WHO FIRST GIVE PREVIOUS YEAR'S WORK OF UNIT AN OVERALL POSITIVE RATING BUT THEN PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY INTO EXERCISE OF SELF-CRITICISM OF TYPE CALLED FOR AT ALL SUCH PARTY SESSIONS: DIRECT OPPOSITION TO LCY POLICY IS REPRESENTED BY THOSE IN DEFENSE SECRETARIAT WHO SLOW DOWN AND WEAKEN IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW OF NEW PARTY POLICY (REPRESENTED BY CONCLUSIONS OF SECOND LCY CONFERENCE; TITO/EXECUTIVE BUREAU LETTER). THERE MUST BE MORE SERIOUS ATTITUDE IN SECRETARIAT REGARDING "MORAL-POLITICAL UNITY" TO BACK UP MILITARY PREPAREDNESS OF DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGARDING PARTY WORK. MILADINOVIC SAID.

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2. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BLACK TANJUG BULLETIN OF DECM 6 WENT BEYOND PRESS ACCOUNT OF MEETING TO TALK ABOUT DISSATISFACTION OF PARTY MEMBERS INDEFENSE SECRETARPOT WITH SLOW PACE OF TACKLING CERTAIN SOCIAL PROBLEMS: ECONOMIC STABILIZATION, PAST ILLEGAL ACQUISTION OF PROPERTY, AND DECLINE IN STANDARD OF LIVING: COMMENT: WE READ THIS LATTER ACCUSATION NOT AS PART OF SELFCRITICISM EXERCISE (ALTHOUGH THERE AR UNDENIABLY FAT CATS IN MILITARY) BUT AS DIG AT COMRADES IN CIVILIAN PARTY ORGANIZATINS FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH TO TACKLE TASKS LAID OUT FOR THEM. INTERESTING THAT SUCH CRITICISM APPARENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE OUT OF LINE ON PART OF DEFENSE SECRETARIAT PARTY OR AT LEAST INAPPROPRIATE FOR GENERAL YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP.

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